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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Examination for plague-infected animals.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, May 22, 1905.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony, on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended May 20, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 1 case remains under treatment. Three hundred and sixty-three rats (16 found dead), 422 mice (22 found dead), and 1 rabbit (found dead), were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 4 rats, 5 mice, and the rabbit were proved to be plague infected.

Uitenhage.—Eighty rats (9 found dead) and 55 mice (1 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 3 rats and 1 mouse were proved to be plague infected.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 2 European males and 1 native female (the latter being a King Williams Town case) were discharged, and 1 native male died. Twelve cases (including 2 from King Williams Town) remain under treatment. Ninety-one rats (55 found dead) and 40 mice (8 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 44 rats and 3 mice were proved to be plague infected.

King Williams Town.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Sixty-three rats (34 found dead), 11 mice (3 found dead), and 5 cats (4 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 5 rats and 1 cat were proved to be plague infected.

Other districts of the Colony.—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Four hundred and eighty-four rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 837 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

ARABIA.

Reports from Aden—Plague—Errata.

Consul Masterson reports as follows:

Plague cases and deaths at Aden.

WEEK ENDED MAY 19, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Crater.....	α 1
Total.....	1

α From old cases.

ERRATA.

In return of plague cases and deaths for the week ending May 5, 1905, for 2 cases of plague and 3 deaths in Crater, read 1 case and 2 deaths.

In return of plague cases and deaths for the week ending May 12, 1905, for 1 case and 1 death at Tawahi, read case 0 and death 0.

WEEK ENDED MAY 26, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Tawahi	2

AUSTRALIA.

Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland and New South Wales.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

BRISBANE, May 13, 1905.

IPSWICH.

Plague bulletin No. 1, for week ending noon, May 13, instant:

Seven cases of bubonic plague occurred at Ipswich during the above-mentioned period, 5 of which were reported on the 6th instant and the other 2 on the 8th instant.

All of these cases are directly traceable to one produce store situated in Union street, Ipswich.

The particulars of the cases are as follows:

1. Reported May 6: W. B., aged 50 years, a produce merchant carrying on business at the above-mentioned store and residing a few doors away. Onset of illness May 3.

2. Reported May 6: J. F., aged 25 years, an assistant working in the store and residing with W. B. Onset of illness May 1.

3. Reported May 6: G. P., aged 40 years, an assistant working in the store and living next door thereto. Onset of illness May 1.

4. Reported May 6: J. F. L., aged 24 years, a carpenter, residing in Moffatt street, and employed from the 1st to 5th instant at the store. Onset of illness, May 5.

5. Reported May 6: C. C., aged 33 years, a plumber, living in Brisbane street. The patient frequented the store last week and sampled some chaff there on the 2d instant. Onset of illness, May 4.

6. Reported May 8: M. B., aged 30 years; the wife of W. B., the occupier of the store. This patient has been in and out of the store nearly every day during the last month and had the management of the store during the week ending May 6. Onset of illness, May 6.

7. Reported May 8: I. B., a boy, aged 9 years. This patient hawked fruit purchased at the store and was in the habit of frequenting the premises. Onset of illness, May 5.

The produce store to which, as before stated, all of the cases are directly traceable, was a very old and dilapidated shed. A large quantity of produce, fruit, and fodder was stacked in the shed on an earthen floor, which latter was in a dirty condition.